

Funding

Senate Bill 1091 (Ortiz, Chapter 732, Statutes of 1999) created the Governor's Residence Account in the General Fund and transferred all existing funds (\$3.2 million) from the Governor's Mansion Account. Subject to an appropriation from the Legislature, these funds would be used for preliminary plans, working drawings, and other pre-construction items.

Since the Commission focused much of its time and research on the site selection, the funding estimates in this report are very preliminary and will change based on site selected and final design. The Commission did not take an official position on the use of public funds for the residence; however, Governor Davis has stated repeatedly that no public monies will be used. The Commission did vote that the Legislature should consider working with a private foundation or foundations to develop plans for the design and construction of the Governor's Residence.

The entity that will be responsible for the construction and furnishing of the Residence will need to establish clear guidelines regarding the donation of personal property for use in the Residence. A separate and select committee should be established to review artifacts for compatibility and to determine if they could be appropriately used in the Residence. In other words, if a private citizen would like to donate a piece of art, furniture, or other artifacts for use in the Governor's Residence, clear guidelines must be established to assure the review and safekeeping of these items.

